HOUSE RESOLUTION 387 By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ernestine Scott Short of Murfreesboro on the celebration of her 85th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine Scott Short will celebrate her 85th birthday on June 21, 2002, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Isaac Ernest and Bessie Todd Scott, Ernestine was born and raised in Cannon County, along with her sisters, Mildred Alexander, Gladys Moore and Carmine Jennings; she graduated from Central High School in Woodbury and went on to attend Middle Tennessee State Teacher's College and Murfreesboro Business College; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine taught the third, fourth and fifth grades at Burt School, a three-teacher school house in Cannon County during the late 1930s and early 1940s and taught one year at Woodbury Elementary; she worked in the Circulation Department of the *Rutherford Courier* from 1942-43 and as a Dictaphone Operator and Stenographer at the Alvin York Veterans Administration Hospital from 1944-76, earning the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 1947, Ernestine Short was joined in marriage with Marvin Short and the couple's blessed union produced two children, Jane Marie Short Follis and Carol Ann Short Williams, married to Russ Follis and Wayne Williams, respectively; she is the loving grandmother of Brian Russell Follis, Alyson Elizabeth Williams and Jordan Wayne Williams; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Murfreesboro, Ernestine Short is a highly respected member of the Rutherford County community; she is a committed member of East Main Street Church of Christ, where she is active in the Sunday Morning and Wednesday Morning Bible Classes and the Ladies of East Main Street Church of Christ Quilting Group, which each year donates a quilt to Middle Tennessee Christian School's annual fundraising auction; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Short attended a quilting class at MTSU in 1976, and since that time has quilted almost 300 items; she also enjoys antique shopping and browsing, collecting antique glass and buttons, making scrapbooks, and flower and vegetable gardening. She has won so many ribbons as a member of the Flower Growers Garden Club that she was excused from paying dues for many years; and

WHEREAS, as Ernestine Short approaches her 85th year, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we join with her family and many friends in honoring and congratulating Mrs. Ernestine Scott Short on the celebration of her 85th birthday at East Main Church of Christ on Sunday, June 23, 2002, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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